

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Karl STEINER et al.

Group Art Unit : 1731

Appln. No : 10/668,145

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For : WATER DRAINING DEVICE

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.112
IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 8, 2006**

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Service Window, **Mail Stop Amendment**
Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria VA 22314

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 8, 2006, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response until August 8, 2006.

Applicants note that this response is being filed by the initial due date for response, whereby an extension of time and the government fee associated therewith should not be necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application. However, if any extension of time is required, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization to charge any necessary fee, including claim fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of this amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.